

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for acquiring funds by a fundraising party by using existing telecommunication means comprising the steps of:

a) generating an operational fixed or wireless telephone or similar telecommunication connection connecting an incoming call from a telecommunication device used by an originator through the services of a selected data processing entity with a specific receiver associated with said fundraising party, ~~and once said connection is generated, disconnecting said connection;~~

b) identifying an originator of the incoming call; and

c) disconnecting said connection;

~~[[b]]d)~~ wherein it has been agreed with an agreement has been made between said data processing entity and said fundraising party that an amount charged to the originator of the incoming call upon disconnecting said connection comprises a part representing the operational costs of said data processing entity and another part representing an action-specific amount to be forwarded by said data processing entity to said ~~receiver of the incoming call~~ fundraising party associated with said specific receiver, whereby funds are acquired by said ~~receiver~~ fundraising party.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein after the establishment of said telecommunication connection at said data processing entity between the telecommunication device used by said originator and said receiver, and before disconnecting said connection, said originator is offered, aurally or visually, the possibility to choose from a variety of options representing the selection of different action-specific amounts said originator is wanting to be charged with by said data processing entity and which said originator has to activate the chosen one by appropriately selecting via the telecommunication device a number or a series of numbers as aurally or visually indicated by said data processing entity.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein after the establishment of said telecommunication connection at said data processing entity between the telecommunication device used by said originator and said receiver, and before disconnecting said connection, said originator is offered, aurally or visually, the possibility to compose himself the action-specific amount said originator is wanting to be charged by said data processing entity and which said originator has to activate by appropriately selecting via the telecommunication device a number or series of numbers corresponding with this amount.

4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein an identify of said originator is known or traceable and is capable of being stored in a memory from which periodically one or several identities can be drawn to make one or several winners of a lottery of which the prize money is construed of part or the whole of the funds transferred from said data processing entity to said receiver less operational costs of the receiver.

5. (Withdrawn) A method for raising funds by using communication means of a wireless telephone or similar telecommunication device comprising the steps of:

a) Establishing through the SMS-mode of said telecommunication device a connection with said selected data processing entity,

b) Whereas the simple establishment of said SMS connection at said data processing entity between said originator and said receiver without even adding a single SMS-related character is enough to generate the confirmation of the connection,

c) Whereas it has been agreed with said data processing entity that the price of the incoming call charged to the originator of the incoming call consists of a part representing the operational costs of said data processing entity and another part representing an action-specific amount to be forwarded by said data processing entity to said receiver of the call.

6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5, wherein after the establishment of said telecommunication connection at said data processing entity between said originator and said receiver said originator is offered the possibility to compose himself with SMS-related characters the action-specific amount said originator would like to be charged with by pressing the number corresponding with this amount.

7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5, wherein the identify of said originator is known or traceable and can be stored in a memory of which periodically one or several identities can be drawn to make one or several winners of a lottery of which the prize money is construed of part or the whole of the funds transferred from said data processing entity to said receiver less the operational costs of the receiver.

8. (Withdrawn) A method for raising funds by using communication means of debit or credit or cash card activated card readers comprising the steps of:

a) Establishing through the terminal of said card reading device a connection with a selected data processing entity such as a financial or related action-specific institution by introducing said debit or credit or cash card into said card reading device and where necessary having pressed the PIN-code to enter the system,

b) Whereas after establishment of said connection at said card reading terminal said originator selects the operation button referring to a fixed action-specific amount which will be charged to his account or will be deducted from his cash card,

c) Whereas it has been agreed with said data processing entity that the price of the transaction charged to said originator consists of a part representing the operational costs of said data processing entity and another part representing an action-specific amount to be transferred to the account of the receiver.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 8, wherein after the establishment of said connection at said data processing entity between said originator and said card reading

device said originator is offered the possibility to choose from a variety of options representing the selection of different action-specific amounts said originator is wanting to be charged with by said data processing entity and which said originator has to activate the chosen one by pressing a number or a series of numbers or fields or buttons as indicated by said data processing entity.

10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 8 wherein after the establishment of said connection at said data processing entity between said originator and said card reading device said originator is offered the possibility to compose himself the action-specific amount said originator would like to be charged with by pressing the number corresponding with this amount.

11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 8, wherein the identity of said originator is known or traceable and can be stored in a memory of which periodically one or several identities can be drawn to make one or several winners of a lottery of which the prize money is construed of part or the whole of the funds transferred from said data processing entity to said receiver less the operational costs of the receiver.

12. (Withdrawn) A method for raising funds by using communication means of an on-line Internet link comprising the steps of:

a) Establishing through a terminal said on-line Internet connection with a selected data processing entity such as a financial or related action-specific website by having given the requested information on his credit card or after having entered his security login code(s) to enter the concerned system,

b) Whereas, after establishment of said connection at said website, said originator selects the option button referring to a fixed action-specific amount which will be charged to his account or will be deducted from his credit card,

c) Whereas it has been agreed with said data processing entity that the price of the transaction charged to said originator consists of a part representing the operational costs

of said data processing entity and another part representing an action-specific amount to be transferred to the account of the receiver.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12, wherein after the establishment of said connection at said data processing entity between said originator and said website said originator is offered the possibility to choose from a variety of options representing the selection of different action-specific amounts said originator is wanting to be charged with by said data processing entity and which said originator has to activate the chosen one by pressing a number or a series of numbers or fields or buttons as indicated by said data processing entity.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12 wherein after the establishment of said connection at said data processing entity between said originator and said website said originator is offered the possibility to compose himself the action-specific amount said originator would like to be charged with by pressing the number corresponding with this amount.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12, wherein the identity of said originator is known or traceable and can be stored in a memory of which periodically one or several identities can be drawn to make one or several winners of a lottery of which the prize money is construed of part or the whole of the funds transferred from said data processing entity to said receiver less the operational costs of the receiver.

16. (Withdrawn) A method for raising funds by using communication means of a pay phone or similar cash accepting telecommunication linked device comprising the steps of:

- a) Establishing through the terminal of said cash accepting telecommunication device an operational fixed or wireless telephone or similar telecommunication connection connecting said cash accepting telecommunication device call through the services of a selected data processing entity with an action-specific receiver,

- b) Whereas depending of the type of said cash accepting telecommunication device prior or after establishment of said connection at said cash accepting telecommunication device said originator introduces the cash necessary to establish or confirm the action-specific connection,
- c) Whereas it has been agreed with said data processing entity that the price of the transaction charged to said originator consists of a part representing the operational costs of said data processing entity and another part representing an action-specific amount to be transferred to the account of the receiver.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16 wherein after the establishment of said telecommunication connection at said data processing entity between said originator and said receiver said originator is offered the possibility to choose from a variety of options representing the selection of different action-specific amounts said originator is wanting to introduce in cash in said cash accepting telecommunication device to establish or confirm the call.

18. (Previously Presented) Method of claim 1 wherein the simple establishment of said telecommunication connection at said data processing entity between the telecommunication device used by said originator and said receiver is enough to generate the confirmation of the connection.